

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed July 31, 2007. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and pending claims are respectfully requested.

I. Election/Restriction

Applicant confirms the election of Group I, claims 1-9.

II. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 5-8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being drawn to non-statutory subject matter.

In response, Applicant has amended claims 5-8 to recite a “computer-readable medium” as suggested by the Examiner. Applicant therefore respectfully submits that claims 5-8 are directed to statutory subject matter as defined by 35 U.S.C. § 101 and therefore respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

III. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

A. Rejection of Claims 1, 5, and 9

Claims 1, 5, and 9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Stewart, et al.* (“Stewart,” U.S. Pat. No. 6,714,964) in view of *Ferlitsch* (U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0070779).

As indicated above, each remaining independent claim has been amended through this Response. In view of the amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that

the rejections are moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn.

Regarding the merits of independent claims 1 and 5, Applicant notes that neither Stewart nor Ferlitsch teaches or suggests “establishing a closed-loop communication link between an automated shipping device and the designer location”, “the designer location receiving updated device configuration information from the automated shipping device via said closed-loop communication link, said updated device configuration information comprising information about installed features and capabilities of the automated shipping device”, and “automatically verifying at the designer location that the automated shipping device is capable of shipping as per said shipping instructions contained in said job ticket”

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the cited references do not render claims 1 and 5 obvious.

B. Rejection of Claims 2, 3, 6, and 7

Claims 2, 3, 6, and 7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Stewart* in view of *Ferlitsch* and further in view of *Bresnan, et al.* (“Bresnan,” U.S. Pat. No. 5,873,073). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

As identified above, Stewart and Ferlitsch do not teach aspects of Applicant’s claims. In that Bresnan does not remedy the deficiencies of the Stewart and Ferlitsch references, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2, 3, 6, and 7 are allowable over the Stewart/Ferlitsch/Bresnan combination for at least the same reasons that claims 1 and 5 are allowable over Stewart/Ferlitsch.

C. Rejection of Claims 4 and 8

Claims 4 and 8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Stewart* in view of *Ferlitsch* and further in view of *Bresnan* and further in view of *Hansen, et al.* ("Hansen," U.S. Pat. No. 6,407,820). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

As identified above, *Stewart* and *Ferlitsch* do not teach aspects of Applicant's claims. In that *Hansen* does not remedy the deficiencies of the *Stewart* and *Ferlitsch* references, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2, 3, 6, and 7 are allowable over the *Stewart/Ferlitsch/Hansen* combination for at least the same reasons that claims 1 and 5 are allowable over *Stewart/Ferlitsch*.

IV. Canceled Claims

Claims 9-10 have been canceled from the application without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to present these canceled claims, or variants thereof, in continuing applications to be filed subsequently.

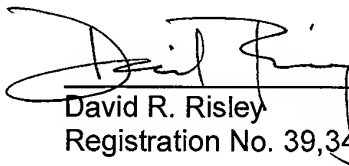
V. New Claims

Claims 11-14 have been added into the application through this Response. Applicant respectfully submits that these new claims describe an invention novel and unobvious in view of the prior art of record and, therefore, respectfully requests that these claims be held to be allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,



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